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**Bill No. 121**

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:

SEN. EADS, 30<sup>th</sup> Dist.

REP. WARD, 86<sup>th</sup> Dist.

***An Act Concerning A Task Force To Study The Teachers' Retirement Health Insurance System.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       (a) There is established a task force to study the teachers' retirement  
2       health insurance system.

3       (b) The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The  
4       chairperson of the Teachers' Retirement Board, the Secretary of the  
5       Office of Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Education, the  
6       Insurance Commissioner, the State Comptroller, or their designees;  
7       and (2) four public members one each appointed by the speaker of the  
8       House of Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate who  
9       shall be experienced in the management of large health insurance  
10      plans, one each appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate  
11      and the minority leader of the House of Representatives who shall be  
12      representatives of the plan participants.

13      (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
14      sixty days after the effective date of this act. Any vacancy shall be filled

15 by the appointing authority.

16 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the  
17 secretary's designee shall serve as chairperson of the task force and  
18 shall convene the task force not later than July 15, 2000.

19 (e) The task force shall conduct an independent study of the health  
20 insurance benefits offered by the Teachers' Retirement Board and the  
21 funding of the teachers' retirement health insurance program in order  
22 to make recommendations concerning: (1) The long-term solvency of  
23 the fund; (2) the method of funding for the municipal subsidy and the  
24 state plans; (3) the expected future levels of cost to the state, active  
25 teachers, and retired teachers covered by the system; (4) the level of  
26 benefits that should be offered by the system; and (5) the impact of an  
27 aging teacher population on the system's ability to provide these  
28 benefits in the future.

29 (f) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
30 the Governor and the General Assembly not later than December 15,  
31 2000, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
32 statutes.

**APP Committee Vote:** Yea 50 Nay 0 JF